

Palmer Arboretum
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2016
Room A Town Hall

1. **Call to order 7:04 p.m.**
2. **Attendance:** Present Chair Bill Brower, Judith Gries, Marian Hallowell, Chad Hart, Andy Krofina, Danielle Payne, Guest-Jean Rocheleau Excused - Edie Pearce Absent -Marilyn Pomeroy
3. **Approval of October Minutes** – Add info about Rhoddy in memory of Peg Koerner and add Pinus strobus, White Pine “ Silver Whispers.” Andy and Bill made a motion to approve.
4. **Treasurer’s Report \$2,270.12 Friends of the Arboretum \$482.46**
5. **Old Business: Quick reports:**
 - a. Letter Boxing– Danielle- Working very well with eight locations. Visit letterboxing.com
 - b. ID tags- Danielle and Jean – Research price for plastic black tags with white lettering.
 - c. Fall Maintenance and Expenditures:
 - i. Weeding, fertilizing and mulch: Volunteers not plentiful. Pomfret School students help. Need 15 more bags of mulch.
 - a. Shade garden, daylily garden, hellebore garden, rain garden Shade garden needs weeding. Lost two hellebore plants. Rain garden needs collar around drain. Prune-St.John’s Wort.
 - ii. Burn pile Matthew not this fall... Chad will take a look at it.
 - vi. Leaf/twig clean-up Schools, Bill and ? – may be Mitch
 - vii. Fence south border – 2/3 of fence completed.
 - viii. Prune crab apples Chad and Danielle? – To be done.
 - ix. Clean dead wood out of yews-Chad and Danielle? – Two branches died.
 - x. Website:

Met with Liz Ellsworth for information-will see if she can attend meeting. -
Danielle will put Arboretum on Facebook., and Bill will send her pictures.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. Weeding-piles – to be done
 - b. Budget items for next year:
 - i. Please think and email me – Things to be done. Suggestions for more plantings.
 - ii. Finish fence –Fence looks neat.
 - iii. Platforms for benches – Need a good base to prevent deterioration of wood.
7. **Adjourn 7:50 p.m.**

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Marian Hallowell, Secretary